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MEMORANDUM FOR: Lieutenant General Herman O. Thomson, USAF  
 Director of Plans and Policy, J-5  
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SUBJECT: European Troop Strength Management Plan

Based on recent comments from the CCP and GDIP Program Managers on drafts of the proposed Memorandum of Agreement between the JCS and USCINCEUR/USCINCLANT concerning the European Troop Strength (ETS) Management Plan, I note a common concern which reflects the DCI position on this subject. In discharging his responsibilities/authorities under Executive Order 12333, it is essential that the DCI, in coordination with the Program Managers, review and approve any actions having an impact upon National Foreign Intelligence Program (NFIP) billets. The ETS Management Plan as proposed by USCINCEUR appears to abridge those authorities, potentially to the detriment of national intelligence efforts which depend heavily on in-theater personnel. I would appreciate your assistance in ensuring that the final version of the ETS Memorandum of Agreement incorporates language that acknowledges the DCI's responsibility in this area.

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